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STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Dates: [June 16, 2006](#)

Purpose. *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 16, 2006

Chairperson: Representative Sandy Greiner

Co-vice Chairperson: Senator Mary Lundby

Co-vice Chairperson: Senator Amanda Ragan

Overview. The Studies Committee considered proposals for 2006 interim studies contained in legislation and other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council.

Studies Deadline. The guideline for completion of the 2006 interim studies is December 15, 2006.

2006 Interim Studies. Studies were authorized for the 2006 interim with the indicated number of members and meeting days to address the following topics:

Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury Services Funding. Review formulas used for distribution of state funding for mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury (MH/MR/DD/BI) services in the state, including examination of the public sources of the funding and programming for the services and input from counties, advocates for persons with disabilities, and other interested persons.

6 Senate

5 House

4 Ex officio, nonvoting members:

2 representing Iowa State Association of Counties

1 representing Department of Human Services

1 representing MH/MR/DD/BI Commission

2 Meeting Days

Emergency Services. Study the governance, structure, and funding of the state's emergency services and available training for emergency services providers and receive input from the Department of Public Defense's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Departments of Human Services, Public Health, and Public Safety, including the State Fire Marshal; and representatives of emergency services providers, including the Iowa Firemen's Association, Iowa Fire Chiefs Association, Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs, Iowa Professional Fire Fighters, Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association, and emergency room physicians.

4 Senate

5 House

2 Meeting Days

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Program. Review issues involving

the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Program including financial assistance, the application and intake processes, the community action agencies' assessment and resolution proposal, and whether to involve the Department of Human Services in the administration of the programs to enable low-income persons to access additional assistance programs through a single location.

4 Senate

5 House

2 Meeting Days

Continuity of Government Planning. Examine issues relating to the continued functioning of state government following a disaster, including gubernatorial succession, replacement of constitutional officers and department heads, legislative elections to fill vacancies, and continued funding of state government if the General Assembly is unable to meet and pass a budget.

4 Senate

5 House

2 Meeting Days

Meskwaki Tribal Court. Continue work to determine the proper manner for the Iowa Court System to recognize civil judgments, decrees, and orders issued by the Meskwaki Tribal Court.

4 Senate

5 House

2 Meeting Days

Other Committees. In addition to the 2006 interim studies approved at this meeting, several standing committees will meet during the 2006 interim. These include the Fiscal Committee, Government Oversight Committee, and the Medical Assistance Projections and Assessment Council.

Additional Meetings. The legislative leadership of the four caucuses is authorized to approve additional meeting days for an interim study committee as necessary.

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